

# NEWSBRIEF



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**To:** Council & Senior Staff

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# Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Run

**Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 2016**

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Register at: Crystal VFW Post 494  
5222 Bass Lake Road Minneapolis, MN 55429

Registration Begins at 9:30 am

Kickstands up at 11:00 am

**Ride starts & ends at the Crystal VFW**

**\$20 Rider**

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**Beyond the Yellow Ribbon**

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## Crystal police keep the peace without power

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**Maple Grove tree cleanup**

Tuesday night is one many homeowners won't forget anytime soon. Wind gusts as high as 64 miles per hour damaged large trees and knocked out power to homes in the northwest metro.

Heavy rain followed, flooding some streets, including Weaver Lake Road and Weaver Lake Drive in the western part of Maple Grove.

"It looked like a disaster. Leaves were all over the streets," said resident Lynn Robinson. "We've lived here for 50 years and I've never seen a storm like that, the sky was just an incredible color."

Robinson can't even get out of her garage because of a huge tree in her neighbor's front yard.

"Car's okay, everybody is okay," she said.

### Trapped inside cars

Meanwhile, cleanup continued at the parking lot of Nystrom and Associates in Maple Grove, where two people were trapped Tuesday night inside their cars as trees fell on top of them. Luckily, no one was hurt.

The same scenario played out in Crystal where a huge pine tree fell on a car at the intersection of 55th and Yates Avenue North. Driver Ana Farah says she thought she was going to die.

"I pray. I cry," she said. "It's a big tree. it's an old tree, old tree."

Farah had to wait about 30 minutes while crews cut tree branches so she could get out. Farah says she has minor neck and shoulder injuries.

"Everyone showed up to help her, obviously she was very scared, and she opened her car door and caused all this rain to come inside her car," said Crystal Deputy Chief Doug Leslin.

### Crystal police lose power

There were problems at the Crystal Police Department too. The storm knocked out power to the department's phone service. While 911 was working, if people called the Crystal Police Department they got a recording. Service was out for a few hours.

"We believe some type of leak occurred in a pipe in the basement and some water dripped onto an electrical box that contained the system for the phones and corroded an item inside there," said Leslin.

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In Crystal, 2.6 inches of rain fell Tuesday night, the biggest rainfall amount of the year.

Sonya Goins, reporting

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## Several Crystal businesses still without power after storm

### Xcel Energy: most power restored by Friday



Drug stores provide many basic necessities for people to go about their everyday lives. But at the Walgreens in Crystal, employees have been trying to function without one of the most fundamental things any business needs to operate.

"We're just kind of in a waiting game," said Eric Wood, manager of the Walgreens in Crystal. "Hopefully we can get some emergency power here, but just working with the energy company to make sure that we get the power back soon."

Neighboring businesses along Bass Lake Road that were in the same predicament include TCF Bank, Dairy Queen and Popeyes.

The power at the Walgreens in Crystal has been out since 8 p.m. Tuesday. If you still want to buy something, you can. Just make sure that you have cash on hand.

"What we just have to do is each item that [customers] bring up, we have to write the UPC down, cause eventually when the power comes back on, we have to enter all of it so we can say that we had some sales," said Marie Williams, a Walgreens employee.

Items that won't be counted among their sales totals are those in the frozen food section. Employees spent several hours dumping ice cream and dairy products before they made a mess in the freezer.

"It's probably about a couple thousand dollars worth of product," Wood said.

Wood says they'll be able to survive the loss on that, but the pharmacy required immediate attention.

"If I had to estimate, I'd say maybe 10 percent of our prescriptions that we dispense are refrigerated items," said pharmacist Andrew Odean.

Those items are worth tens of thousands of dollars. Luckily, they were able to bring those medications to other local Walgreens.

"There's no generics for a lot of them yet, so they're very expensive," Odean said.

Until the power comes back on, Walgreens employees will try to function in an environment that's far from normal.

"All I can say is bravo for Walgreens," said Roxanne Atwood of Crystal.

Xcel Energy says crews should be able to restore power to most of the customers in the Twin Cities metro by Friday evening. In Crystal, there were still 150 customers without power as of 1 p.m. Thursday.

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## Crystal Arrest Report

Date Range: 06/29/2016 06:00:00 AM - 07/06/2016 06:00:00 AM

<u>Case Nbr</u>	<u>Juv</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date Arrested</u>
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CYAR16-015564	N	WILLIAMS	KRISTEN	MARIE	F	25	06/29/2016 8:37 PM
		Address: 1220 MORGAN AV N		MINNEAPOLIS	MN	55411	
		Statute: 609-52-2-1 THEFT-SHOPLIFTING-LESS THAN \$500(609-52-2-1)					
CYAR16-015630	N	MICKELSON	PETER	DALE	M	18	06/30/2016 1:47 PM
		Address: 3038 WELCOME AV N		CRYSTAL	MN	55422	
		Statute: 609-487-6 FLEEING POLICE OFFICER - NOT IN VEHICLE-MS					
CYAR16-015639	N	LITTLE	JEREMY	HOWARD	M	23	06/30/2016 5:51 PM
		Address: 1614 GIRARD AV N		MINNEAPOLIS	MN	55411	
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		Address: 5716 42 AV N		ROBBINSDALE	MN	55422	
		Statute: 168-35 TRAF-REGISTRATION-INTENT TO ESCAPE MV TAX					
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		Statute: 169-79-1 TRAF-EXPIRED TABS-VEH REGISTRATION					
CYAR16-015767	N	MOSSBERG	STEPHEN	TREY	M	30	07/02/2016 8:15 AM
		Address: 4366 VERA CRUZ AV N		ROBBINSDALE	MN	55422	
		Statute: 169A-20-1-1 TRAF-DUI 2ND DEGREE					
CYAR16-015844	N	REYNOLDS	TYRONE	CURTIS	M	46	07/03/2016 1:56 AM
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CYAR16-015847	N	DEXTER	SARAH	NICOLE	F	23	07/03/2016 2:37 AM
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		Statute: 169A-20-1-1 TRAF-DUI 3RD DEGREE					
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Date Range: 06/29/2016 06:00:00 AM - 07/06/2016 06:00:00 AM

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CYAR16-015972	N	MADDEN	NATHAN	MICHAEL	M	22	07/04/2016 7:20 PM
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CYAR16-016002	N	HUMMEL	MICHAEL	PATRICK	M	28	07/05/2016 12:27 AM
		Address: 2917 DREW AV N		ROBBINSDALE	MN	55422	
		Statute: 169A-20-1-1	TRAF-DUI 4TH DEGREE				
CYAR16-016002	N	HUMMEL	MICHAEL	PATRICK	M	28	07/05/2016 12:27 AM
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		Statute: 169A-20-1-5	TRAF-DUI 4TH DEG ALCOHOL CONC OVER .08 OR MORE W/I 2 HOURS				
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		Address: 4215 KENTUCKY AV N		CRYSTAL	MN	55428	
		Statute: 169A-20-1-5	TRAF-DUI 4TH DEG ALCOHOL CONC OVER .08 OR MORE W/I 2 HOURS				
CYAR16-016010	N	DIXON	ROBERT	KEITH	M	58	07/05/2016 2:37 AM
		Address: 1717 WASHINGTON ST NE	420	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	55418	
		Statute: 169A-20-1-1	TRAF-DUI 4TH DEGREE				

End of Report





# CRYSTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA REPORT

## CASE ACTIVITY: Previous 7 Days prior to

July 6, 2016 - 12:00:00 AM

CASE NO	LOCATION	OFFENSE	VALUE	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	DATE OCCURRED
CY16-015685	56 AV N&CO RD 81	CONT SUBST-5TH DEG-POSS SCHEDULE			07/01/2016 01:57
CY16-015689	56-- WEST BROADWAY	CONT SUBST-POSS-DRUG PARAPHERNALIA			07/03/2016 12:39
CY16-016010	36 AV N&XENIA AV N	CONT SUBST-POSS-MARIJUANA IN MV			07/05/2016 02:18
CY16-015639	55-- WEST BROADWAY	DISTURB-DISORDERLY CONDUCT			06/30/2016 15:33
CY16-015630	30-- WELCOME AV N	FLEEING POLICE OFFICER			06/30/2016 13:05
CY16-015639	55-- WEST BROADWAY	GOVT-OBSTRUCT LEGAL			06/30/2016 15:33
CY16-015639	55-- WEST BROADWAY	MISC WARRANT ARREST			06/30/2016 15:33
CY16-015745	47 AV N&CO RD 81	MISC WARRANT ARREST			07/01/2016 21:07
CY16-015564	2~ WILLOW BEND	THEFT-SHOPLIFTING	115	MERCHANDISE - \$115	06/29/2016 20:37
CY16-015639	55-- WEST BROADWAY	THEFT-SHOPLIFTING	9	1 PKG CLIF BARS AND 1 RED BULL	06/30/2016 15:33
CY16-015767	56 AV N&ORCHARD AV N	TRAF-DUI 2ND DEGREE			07/02/2016 07:35
CY16-015848	36 AV N TO SB	TRAF-DUI 3RD DEG ALCOHOL CONC			07/03/2016 03:20
CY16-015847	36 AV N&DOUGLAS DR N	TRAF-DUI 3RD DEG ALCOHOL CONC			07/03/2016 02:37
CY16-015848	36 AV N TO SB	TRAF-DUI 3RD DEGREE			07/03/2016 03:20
CY16-015847	36 AV N&DOUGLAS DR N	TRAF-DUI 3RD DEGREE			07/03/2016 02:37
CY16-015561	36 AV N&NOBLE AV N	TRAF-DUI 4TH DEG ALCOHOL CONC			06/29/2016 19:31
CY16-015844	36 AV N&DOUGLAS DR N	TRAF-DUI 4TH DEG ALCOHOL CONC			07/03/2016 01:36
CY16-016002	53-- WEST BROADWAY	TRAF-DUI 4TH DEG ALCOHOL CONC			07/05/2016 00:16
CY16-015972	56 AV N&ELMHURST AV N	TRAF-DUI 4TH DEG ALCOHOL CONC			07/04/2016 19:12
CY16-016009	42 AV N&DOUGLAS DR N	TRAF-DUI 4TH DEG ALCOHOL CONC			07/05/2016 02:16
CY16-015561	36 AV N&NOBLE AV N	TRAF-DUI 4TH DEGREE			06/29/2016 19:31
CY16-015844	36 AV N&DOUGLAS DR N	TRAF-DUI 4TH DEGREE			07/03/2016 01:36
CY16-016002	53-- WEST BROADWAY	TRAF-DUI 4TH DEGREE			07/05/2016 00:16
CY16-015972	56 AV N&ELMHURST AV N	TRAF-DUI 4TH DEGREE			07/04/2016 19:12
CY16-016009	42 AV N&DOUGLAS DR N	TRAF-DUI 4TH DEGREE			07/05/2016 02:16
CY16-016010	36 AV N&XENIA AV N	TRAF-DUI 4TH DEGREE			07/05/2016 02:18
CY16-015675	42 AV N&YATES AV N	TRAF-EXPIRED TABS-VEH REGISTRATION			07/01/2016 00:13

CASE NO	LOCATION	OFFENSE	VALUE	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	DATE OCCURRED
CY16-015675	42 AV N&YATES AV N	TRAF-REGISTRATION-INTENT TO ESCAPE MV			07/01/2016 00:13
CY16-015685	56 AV N&CO RD 81	TRAF-ZERO TOLERANCE-UNDERAGE			07/01/2016 01:57

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# FINANCE & COMMERCE



## Finance & Commerce names Top Projects of 2015

By: Finance and Commerce Staff May 26, 2016 7:15 am 0

The complicated conversion of a former mill into affordable housing and the new St. Paul Saints ballpark are among the Top Projects of 2015 honorees announced Thursday by Finance & Commerce.

The A Mill Artist Lofts in Minneapolis and CHS Field in St. Paul are among 26 projects selected for the annual honors. To be eligible, the projects had to be completed by the end of 2015.

An independent panel of judges looked at degree of difficulty, creativity in design, innovative construction techniques, cooperation among contractors and management, and sustainability efforts.

The projects will be featured in a series of stories and photos in the Minneapolis-based Finance & Commerce daily newspaper and [finance-commerce.com](http://finance-commerce.com) starting in July. The people and companies behind the projects also will be honored at an Oct. 19 event at the Minneapolis Event Center.

### The 2015 honorees:

#### 4Marq Apartments

400 Marquette Ave. S., Minneapolis

Description: 30-story downtown apartment tower

Owner: AIG Global Real Estate

Contractor: Mortenson

Architect: UrbanWorks Architecture LLC

Engineer: Premier Electric Co., Palanisami & Associates, Sunde Engineering

#### A-Mill Artist Lofts

315 Main St. SE, Minneapolis

Description: Conversion of historic Pillsbury "A" Mill into affordable apartments

Owner: Dominion



Contractor: Weis Builders

Architect: BKV Group

Engineer: BKV Group

Dominium converted the historic Pillsbury "A" Mill into affordable lofts for artists. (Submitted photo)

### **Chaska Curling & Event Center**

3210 Chaska Blvd., Chaska

Description: 45,000-square-foot new facility

Owner: City of Chaska

Contractor: Kraus-Anderson

Architect: 292 Design Group

Engineer: Nelson Rudie & Associates

### **CHS Field**

360 N. Broadway St., St. Paul

Description: New ballpark for St. Paul Saints baseball team

Owner: City of St. Paul, St. Paul Saints

Contractor: Ryan Cos. US Inc.

Architect: Ryan, Snow Kreilich, AECOM

Engineer: Ericksen Roed & Associates, Schadegg Mechanical, Hunt Electric



CHS Field, one of the most environmentally friendly ballparks in the nation, was built on land once was listed among the top 10 most contaminated sites in Minnesota. (File photo: Bill Klotz)

### **Crystal Public Works**

5001 W. Broadway Ave., Crystal

Description: New public works facility

Owner: City of Crystal

Contractor: Big D Construction

Architect: Kodet Architectural Group

Engineer: Cain Thomas Associates

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### **DC Group Headquarters**

1977 West River Road, Minneapolis

Description: 30,000-square-foot addition and renovation

Owner: DC Group

Contractor: Greiner Construction

Architect: UrbanWorks Architecture

Engineer: Mattson MacDonald Young, Steen Engineering, Loucks Associates

### **Fairview Southdale Carl N. Platou Emergency Center**



6401 France Ave. S., Edina

Description: 65,000-square-foot emergency room expansion

Owner: Fairview Southdale Hospital

Contractor: Knutson Construction

Architect: HGA Architects and Engineers

Engineer: Dunham Associates

#### **Highlight Center**

807 Broadway St. NE, Minneapolis

Description: Conversion of former 170,000-square-foot Minneapolis Public Schools headquarters, once a lightbulb factory, into creative office space

Owner: Hillcrest Development

Contractor: Hillcrest

Architect: RoehrSchmitt Architecture and Tanek Architects

Engineer: N/A



Once a lightbulb factory, the Highlight Center was converted from the Minneapolis Public Schools headquarters into creative office space. (File photo: Craig Lassig)

#### **Jordan Middle School**

500 Sunset Drive, Jordan

Description: \$35 million expansion and renovation

Owner: Jordan Public Schools

Contractor: Wenck Construction Inc.

Architect: DLR Group

Engineer: DLR Group

#### **Kandiyohi County Landfill Leachate Treatment System**

15650 Highway 71 NE, New London

Owner: Kandiyohi County

Contractor: Marcus Construction

Architect: Clark Engineering Corp.

Engineer: Clark Engineering

#### **M Health Clinics & Surgery Center**

909 Fulton St. SE, Minneapolis

Description: Five-story, 342,000-square-foot center on University of Minnesota campus

Owner: University of Minnesota

Contractor: McGough Construction

Architect: CannonDesign

Engineer: Affiliated Engineers

### **Mayo Clinic Square**

600 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis

Description: Conversion of former Block E entertainment complex into Mayo Sports Medicine Clinic, the headquarters and practice facilities for Minnesota Timberwolves and Lynx teams, and office and retail space

Owner: Camelot LLC

Contractor: Mortenson

Architect: AECOM, RSP Architects

Engineer: Dunham Associates, Ericksen Roed & Associates, Schadeegg Mechanical Inc., Parsons Electric

### **Midway YMCA**

1761 University Ave., St. Paul

Description: New 53,572-square-foot new facility

Owner: YMCA of Greater Twin Cities

Contractor: McGough Construction

Architect: Lawal Scott Erickson Architects Inc.

Engineer: Clark Engineering Corp., Ramaker & Associates, Karges-Faulconbridge, Pierce Pini & Associates

### **Northern Stacks I**

4800 East River Road, Fridley

Description: First building in massive redevelopment of 122-acre Superfund site and former home of Northern Pump Co.

Owner: Hyde Development

Contractor: Mortenson

Architect: Mohagen Hansen Architecture

Engineer: Westwood Professional Services, Reigstad & Associates

### **Owatonna Public Utilities Power Plant Repurposing**

208 Walnut Ave. S., Owatonna

Description: Renovation of historic power plant into utilities' offices and a public service center

Owner: Owatonna Public Utilities

Contractor: Rocon Inc.

Architect: Leo A Daly

Engineer: Leo A Daly

### **Pine Island Elementary School**

8749 125th St. NW, Pine Island

Description: New pre-kindergarten through fourth-grade school

Owner: Pine Island Public Schools

Contractor: Kraus-Anderson

Architect: Wendel Companies

Engineer: Dolejs Associates Inc., Larson Engineering

**PrairieCare Child Psychiatric Hospital**

9400 Zane Ave. N.

Description: New 50-bed facility

Owner: IRET Properties

Contractor: R.J. Ryan Construction Co.

Architect: Pope Architects

Engineer: Clark Engineering, Egan, Legacy

**St. Louis County Government Services Center**

320 W. Second St., Duluth

Description: Renovation of 160,000-square-foot center

Owner: St. Louis County

Contractor: Johnson-Wilson Constructors

Architect: Perkins+Will

Engineer: Gausman & Moore

**St. Paul Academy & Summit School Huss Center for Performing Arts**

1712 Randolph Ave., St. Paul

Description: New performing arts center

Owner: St. Paul Academy & Summit School

Contractor: McGough Construction

Architect: HGA Architects and Engineers

Engineer: HGA (structural and civil); Michaud Cooley Erickson (mechanical and electrical)

**The Good Acre**

1790 Larpenteur Ave. W., Falcon Heights

Description: Nonprofit food hub facility that gives farmers access to equipment, coolers and processing stations to prep produce for delivery

Owner: Pohlاد Family Foundation

Contractor: RJM Construction

Architect: LHB Architects

Engineer: G.R. Mechanical, Premier Electrical

### **The Rose**

1920 Portland Ave., Minneapolis

Description: "Ultra-sustainable" mixed-income apartments

Owner: Aeon

Contractor: Weis Builders

Architect: MSR

Engineer: Karges-Faulconbridge



The 90-unit Rose apartment complex at 1920-1928 Portland Ave. in Minneapolis is nationally recognized as a beacon of green development. (File photo: Bill Klotz)

### **Upper Post Veterans Community**

Fort Snelling, 6210 Bloomington Road

Description: Transformation of five deteriorating buildings into housing for homeless veterans and their families

Owner: CBVA Minneapolis Limited Partnership

Contractor: Sand Cos. LLC

Architect: Sand Architects & Miller Dunwiddie Architects

Engineer: Lindell Engineering

### **Vintage on Selby**

1555 Selby Ave., St. Paul

Description: Five-story apartment building with Whole Foods Market

Owner: Ryan Cos. US Inc., Excelsior Group, Prudential Real Estate

Contractor: Ryan

Architect: ESG Architects

Engineer: BKBM Engineers

### **Webber Park – Natural Filtration Swimming Pool**

4400 Dupont Ave. N., Minneapolis

Description: Demolition of old pool with natural filtration pool that uses bio-simulated wetlands to clean water

Owner: Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

Contractor: L.S. Black Constructors

Architect: Collaborative Design Group

Engineer: Landform

### **Webster Elementary Conversion to K5-3K Prototype**

425 Fifth St. NE, Minneapolis

Description: \$15.7 million renovation

Owner: Minneapolis Public Schools

Contractor: Donlar Construction

Architect: TSP Architects and Engineers

Engineer: TSP



**Xcel Energy Midtown Substation Enclosure**

2840 Oakland Ave., Minneapolis

Description: Artistic enclosure of power substation

Owner: Xcel Energy

Contractor: Fabcon Precast, Camelot Metals, MG McGrath

Architect: Alliance

Engineer: Emanuelson-Podas, Ulteig Engineers

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**JOINT WATER COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**Golden Valley - Crystal - New Hope**  
**Meeting of June 1, 2016**

The Golden Valley – Crystal – New Hope Joint Water Commission (JWC) meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm in the City of Golden Valley Council Chambers.

**Commissioners Present**

Anne Norris, City Manager, Crystal  
Kirk McDonald, City Manager, New Hope  
Tim Cruikshank, City Manager, Golden Valley

**Staff Present**

Marc Nevinski, Physical Development Director, Golden Valley  
Sue Virnig, Finance Director, Golden Valley  
Bert Tracy, Public Works Maintenance Manager, Golden Valley  
Jeff Oliver, City Engineer, Golden Valley  
Bernie Weber, Operations Manager, New Hope  
Randy Kloepper, Water Superintendent, Crystal  
Dave Lemke, Utilities Supervisor, New Hope  
R.J. Kakach, Utility Engineer, Golden Valley  
Bob Paschke, Director of Public Works, New Hope  
Mark Ray, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, Crystal  
Joe Hansen, Utilities Supervisor

**Approval of Minutes – May 4, 2016**

Moved by McDonald seconded by Cruikshank to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2016 Joint Water Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

**Approve KLM Engineering Agreement for Professional Services on Elevated Tower Inspection – Golden Valley (#15-002)**

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) solicited a proposal from KLM Engineering to inspect the 1,500,000 gallon elevator tower in Golden Valley interior and exterior coatings and structural integrity and provide additional information that will aid in future cleanings.

Moved by McDonald seconded by Norris to approve the Agreement for Professional Services with KLM Engineering, Inc. for Inspection Services of the 1,500,000 Elevated Water Tower in Golden Valley not to exceed \$2,800.

**Approve Master Electric Agreement for Professional Services on Arc Flash Hazard Analysis (#15-007)**

TAC solicited a proposal from Master Electric and received a proposal to collect data to determine the condition of the equipment and the risk of exposure to electrical arc. They will provide recommendations in the form of an executive summary, labels for equipment and electrical gear. Also included in the proposal are three sessions for staff training to ensure crews are aware of the risks of arc flashes and prevention. This is a requirement of OSHA and a budgeted item for 2016. The estimate from Master Electric is not to exceed \$9,528.

Moved by Cruikshank seconded by McDonald to approve the Agreement for Professional Services with Master Electric Company, Inc. on the Arc Flash Hazard Analysis for an amount not to exceed \$9,528.

### **Tri-City Council Recap**

Chair Norris thanked everyone for their input at the Tri-City Council Meeting. Especially Tim Cruikshank, Mark Ray and Barr Engineering. The Commission is in agreement to caucus City Councils for a separate Joint Powers Agreement and that financing is up to each individual Council. Commissioner Cruikshank stated a working committee should be established to determine assessments, time lines, etc. Finance submitted a sample Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) and a sample resolution. Commissioner Cruikshank favors moving toward the JPA which gives the Commission a stronger voice with the legislature and add some legitimacy to the projects. Mark Ray stated there is no good alternative and all cities need to move forward at this time as not to miss financing.

### **TAC Update**

Staff updated for Tri-City Council Meeting.

Staff reported on the Emergency Wells project stating Burschville is nearly complete and MBI is working on the change orders.

Staff reported the Minneapolis portion of the 36" PCCP has been completed and closing out punch list items.

Staff reviewed the Capital Improvement Projects.

Staff report that the Interconnect locations maps are being updated for potential hydrant to hydrant emergency interconnects.

Staff reported that the PCCP Analysis Scoping will start with a visual inspection on Douglas Drive as the watermain is scheduled for replacement in 2016 and a brief description of the anticipated scheduled.

### **Other Business**

None

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2016 at 1:30 pm in the Golden Valley Council Conference Room.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by McDonald seconded by Cruikshank to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Chair Norris adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm.

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Chair Anne Norris

ATTEST:

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Sue Schwalbe, Recording Secretary


**Chrissy Serres**

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**From:** Minnesota Secretary of State <MNSOS@public.govdelivery.com>  
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**Steve Simon**

**Notice of Vacancies in State Boards, Councils and Committees**

July 5, 2016 — The Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State today released the July 2016 notice of vacancies for various state boards, councils and committees that are accepting applications, due July 27, 2016. Minnesotans are encouraged to apply and serve in demonstration of public service. The full list of vacancies is listed below and online.

**Additionally, Minnesotans will now be able to find information and updates on new vacancies on Secretary of State Steve Simon's official Facebook and Twitter pages. You can find those here:**

- [Facebook.com/MNSteveSimon](https://www.facebook.com/MNSteveSimon)
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Application forms are available online and must be submitted by July 27, 2016, to be assured of full consideration by the appointing authority. Appointing authorities may choose to review applications received by the Secretary of State after June 27.

See **HOW TO APPLY** at the end of the message.

**CURRENT VACANCIES**

Below is a list of agencies with vacancies.  
Please visit our website for complete descriptions.

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS**



Vacancies: One Public Member

#### **BOARD OF PRIVATE DETECTIVE AND PROTECTIVE AGENT SERVICES**

Vacancies: One Seat - Protective Agent Representative who must be a licensed protective agent, or qualified representative for a licensed protective agent partnership or corporation.

#### **BOARD OF THE PERPICH CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION**

Vacancies: One seat – for a term expiring January 7, 2019.

#### **CHILD SUPPORT TASK FORCE**

Vacancies: Four Parent Members including:

- Custodial Parent with a past or present child support case
- Non-Custodial Parent with a past or present child support case
- At least two parent appointees must be a representative of a diverse social or cultural community

#### **COUNCIL FOR MINNESOTANS OF AFRICAN HERITAGE**

Vacancies: Two Members - One vacancy for a term ending January 2, 2017, and One vacancy for a term ending January 1, 2018.

#### **COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS**

Vacancies: One Member of Vietnamese Ancestry.

#### **CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE INFORMATION TASK FORCE**

Vacancies: Four Public Members - representing both metropolitan and greater Minnesota, one of whom represents the interests of victims and one of whom represents the private business community who has expertise in integrated information systems

#### **DRUG UTILIZATION REVIEW BOARD**

Vacancies: Four seats including one Consumer Representative, one Physician Member, and two Pharmacist members.

#### **GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON MINNESOTA'S LAKE SUPERIOR COASTAL PROGRAM**

Vacancies: One Member - Cook County

#### **HEALTH SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE aka HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Vacancies: Six seats including:

- Two licensed physicians actively engaged in the practice of medicine in Minnesota;
- Two licensed physicians who represent a health plan currently under contract to serve medical assistance recipients;
- One licensed physician specialist actively practicing their profession in Minnesota, and,
- One licensed physician actively engaged in the practice of medicine in Minnesota, and whose practice includes being actively engaged in the treatment of persons with mental illness.

#### **MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

Vacancies: Two members with expertise in maternal and child health services.

#### **MINERAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

Vacancies: Two seats including - one Iron Ore and Taconite Industry Representative and one Labor Representative.

#### **MINNESOTA ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Vacancies: Two Public Members – who use assistive technology or are a family member or guardian of an individual who uses assistive technology.

#### **MINNESOTA e-HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Vacancies: Five seats including:

- One Representative of Health Plans (B)
- One Representative of Local Public Health
- One Representative of Clinic Managers
- One Representative of Laboratories
- One Representative of Pharmacists

#### **MINNESOTA ORGANIC ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

Vacancies: Twelve Seats including:

- One Retailer of Organic Products
- One Nonprofit Organization Representing Producers
- One Organic Certification Agencies Representative
- One Wholesaler or Distributor of Organic Products
- One United States Department of Agriculture Representative
- Three Organic Farmer Representatives
- Two Organic Processor Representatives
- One University of Minnesota Extension Representative
- One University of Minnesota Faculty Member Representative

**Please note: These seats were originally published on June 6, 2016.**

#### **MN EMERGING ENTREPRENEUR PROGRAM**

Vacancies: Four members from the General Public. All applicants should be experienced in business or economic development. One member must be a representative from a veteran-owned business. One member must be a representative from a business owned by a person with disabilities.

#### **NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Vacancies: Six Seats including:

- One Otolaryngologist
- One Urban Birth Hospital Representative
- One Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Team Representative
- One Consumer Organization Representing Culturally Deaf Persons
- On Department of Human Services Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Division Representative
- One Department of Education Regional Low-Incidence Facilitator Representative

#### **NONPUBLIC EDUCATION COUNCIL**

Vacancies: One Member

#### **SPINAL CORD AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Vacancies: Six Seats including:

- One Member who has a Traumatic Brain Injury
- One Member who is a Family Member of a Person with a Traumatic Brain Injury
- One Member who has a Spinal Cord Injury
- One Member who is a Veteran who has a Spinal Cord Injury or Traumatic Brain Injury
- One Member who is a Family Member of a Person with a Spinal Cord Injury
- One Member who is a Neurosurgeon

#### **STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH**

Vacancies: Four Seats including:

- One Consumer Survivor Network Representative
- One County Commissioner (Metro) Representative
- One Minnesota House of Representatives Member
- One Minnesota Senate Member

### **STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL**

Vacancies: Six seats including:

- One Advocate for People with Disabilities
- One Vocational Rehabilitation Director
- One Client Assistance Project Representative
- One PACER Representative
- One Governor's Workforce Development Council Representative
- One Statewide Independent Living Council Representative

### **SUBCOMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH**

Vacancies: Ten Seats including:

- One Educator current working with Children with Emotional Disorders
  - One Provider of Children's Mental Health Services to Adolescents
  - One Representative of People Experienced in working with Minority Children with Emotional Disorders
  - One Representative of the State Advisory Council on Mental Health
  - One Parent of a Child with Emotional Disorders
  - One County Commissioner (Rural) Representative
  - One County Commissioner (Metro) Representative
  - One Representative of Advocacy Group for Children with Emotional Disorders (MN Association for Children's mental Health)
  - One State Legislator
  - One Representative of Present or Former Consumer of Children/Adolescent Mental Health Services.
- Preference will be given to individuals up to age 25 who have received mental health services as a child/adolescent.

### **THE BOARD OF THE MINNESOTA STATE ACADEMIES**

Vacancies: One Present or Former Superintendent of a Independent School District

### **TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Vacancies: One Member

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Submit an Application

Complete the application form.

Applicants should include the following documents:

- Open Appointments Application Form (completed, signed and dated)
- Letter of Interest
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180 State Office Building  
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St Paul, MN 55155-1299

The monthly Notice of Vacancies is posted on the first Monday of every month and is provided by email to those who subscribe for the notice.

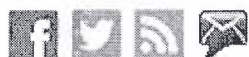
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The 2015 Open Appointments Annual Report is available online and includes a complete listing of state boards and councils that follow the Open Appointments process, descriptions of these agencies and membership, and statistical information about appointments and vacancies during the 2014 fiscal year. A print version of the report is available at the Minnesota Bookstore, (651) 297-3000 or 1-800-657-3757.

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## Suburbs opt to go their own way on state's 'drop home' law

Facing a new state requirement to allow tiny trailers on residential lots, many cities are saying no.

By Erin Adler (<http://www.startribune.com/erin-adler/195633361/>) and Emma Nelson (<http://www.startribune.com/emma-nelson/26180021/>) Star Tribune staff writers

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Metro suburbs are bypassing a new state law that would require them to allow tiny, portable houses on residential properties, saying the state mandate doesn't work for them.

The statute is intended to provide access to temporary "drop homes" for people — mostly older adults — with health care needs that require them to be close to a caregiver.

But worries about resident complaints, conflicts with local zoning ordinances and timing concerns have spurred cities to opt out of the law. Some say they already have the resources they need to meet the needs of aging residents, while others want to pass their own laws allowing temporary structures tailored to their city.

The League of Minnesota Cities fought for an opt-out provision in the statute so local governments could still have control over their own zoning.

Bill sponsor Rep. Roz Peterson, R-Lakeville, struggled to find a place for her elderly father to live when he got sick two years ago. It's disappointing that cities are opting out, she said, but she acknowledged that the law isn't one-size-fits-all.

"It's always difficult to accept change and innovation," Peterson said. "This won't solve everybody's problem — this is one tool in the toolbox, so to speak."

Drop homes, sometimes called granny pods, are trailers under 300 square feet that are billed as an affordable and temporary alternative to sending sick, injured or elderly family members to a nursing home.

The new law was based on similar, but less restrictive, laws in North Carolina and Virginia.

In Minnesota, the law allows homeowners to have a drop home on their property for six months by paying for a \$100 permit, unless their city has a specific ordinance against the homes.

The Burnsville City Council voted unanimously on June 21 to opt out. Drop homes don't meet city codes, said Mayor Elizabeth Kautz, and the city already has temporary housing options.

Those options include spare bedrooms, apartments, assisted living facilities, short-term health care facilities, hotels and group homes, according to a meeting agenda report.

"It's not that we don't have it," Kautz said. "We want control of what happens here in Burnsville."

Some cities want to allow accessory dwelling units but are choosing to do so on their own terms.

The Crystal City Council will likely vote to opt out at its next meeting, said Council Member Jeff Kolb. The decision stems largely from the nature of residential properties in Crystal, many of which may be too small to qualify for drop homes under the statute, he said.

The City Council will try to pass an ordinance in the future that allows for accessory units that are better tailored to the city, Kolb said.

"There was a concern that it would be perceived that by opting out, we were saying we don't want this kind of thing around here, that it was kind of a cold-hearted decision," he said. "The reality is it's not that at all."

In Lakeville, the City Council agreed to opt out last week but also sent the issue to city staff for further review.



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ELIZABETH FLORES, STAR TRIBUNE

John Louiselle, left, and Jesse Lammi are a pair of young New Brighton entrepreneurs that have started NextDoor Housing, a company

There were multiple concerns, said Mayor Matt Little, including aesthetics, property values and the difficulty city staff would face in having to make judgments about residents' illnesses.

"Every single city in this country is going to need to figure out a way to start taking care of our seniors," Little said. "There's just a lot of issues we need to ... make fair and clear."

Meanwhile, city staff in Woodbury are recommending that city officials vote to opt out in order to have more time to figure out what local needs are, said Jason Egerstrom, Woodbury's spokesman.

Under the statute, cities have until Sept. 1 to opt out.

John Louiselle, co-owner of NextDoor Housing, a New Brighton-based drop home company that helped craft the law, said he doesn't mind if cities choose a different direction. "What's worrisome to us is when we see cities opting out and offering no alternative solution," he said.

Peterson said she would like to see cities try out the statute and see how it works. The biggest challenge, she said, is that people aren't familiar with the drop home idea.

"This is new — nobody's really done this before," she said. "Let's have a conversation with the community before we just choose to abandon the idea."

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# Crystal retail spaces filling, expanding

BY SIMEON LANCASTER  
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INTERNS

A plethora of colorful shop signs are scattered between swaths of drab, vacant store fronts in street view images of the Crystal Shopping Center captured just last year. Anyone who trots into the parking lot of Crystal's largest retail hub this year, however, will see a different picture.

The empty store fronts have nearly all been replaced with a swarm of new businesses, such as a pet supply store, a tutoring center and, occupying one of the largest spaces formerly held by Michaels, an upcoming Planet Fitness. More than 113,000 square feet of retail space have been leased at Crystal Shopping Center since March

2015, according to Crystal Communications Coordinator Michael Peterson.

The resurgence of businesses investing in Crystal is a sign of a strengthening retail economy that has struggled to recover after the 2008 economic recession, according to Crystal Community Development Director John Sutter.

"These investments indicate a strengthening compared to the depths of the recession," Sutter said. "The bottom line for Crystal is that this represents continued and growing investment in our main commercial area, and that represents strength."

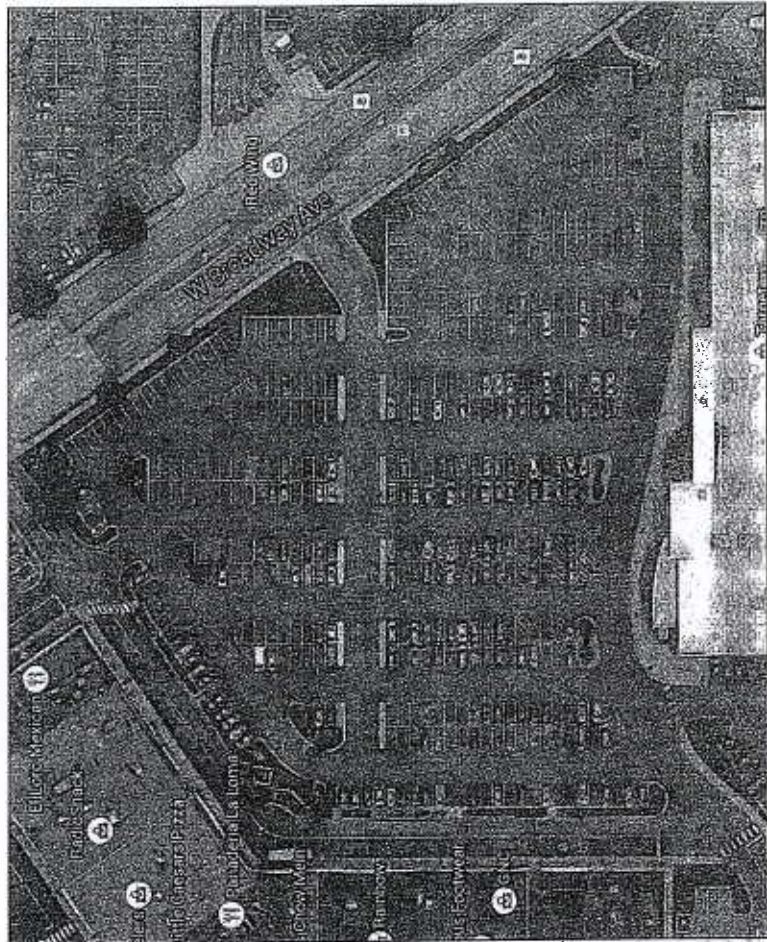
The Crystal Shopping Center, owned by Past Properties, is now at 95 percent capacity with only five out of the

41 spaces still open. To be specific, that's 8,708 square feet available out of a total 214,147 square feet.

Located at the intersection of Bass Lake Road and West Broadway, the smaller Crystal Town Center, another Past Properties asset, is also nearing capacity. Only two spaces, each about 2,000 square feet, are unoccupied out of the total 55,532 square feet.

Planet Fitness, the latest addition to the Crystal Shopping Center strip, isn't ready to open its doors yet as internal construction is still underway but will likely be ready for the public late this fall or early next year, filling up one of the largest spaces in that center.

Past Properties Se-



Satellite imagery from Google Maps shows the northeast section of Target's parking lot mostly unused. Past Properties purchased that section of the lot to develop a new commercial building. (Graphic captured from Google Maps)

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nior Leasing Rep and Development Associate Mike Sturdivant said he anticipates more consumer interest in that area of Crystal with full retail sections.

"I think we're creating more of a place for people to work, live and shop at Bass Lake and Broadway," Sturdivant said. "With Planet Fitness ... there's going to be more activity going on at that intersection."

The shopping center and town center, however, aren't the only areas experiencing growth.

Even though the main retail sections are filling up, Paster Properties has expanded its growth into the nearby Target parking lot. In January, Paster Properties entered negotiations with Crystal and Target to buy a 5,000 square foot parcel of land in the northeast portion of the parking

lot. Hennepin County records don't yet have the transaction documents available, but when they are updated they can be accessed with the new property's address - 5547 West Broadway.

The new development will take a chunk of parking spaces out of the lot which largely go unused. They will be converted into a commercial building with space for two businesses, one which will have a drive-thru.

Even with the space taken away from the lot, Target will still have 450 parking spaces available. If needed, however, 51 more parking spaces can be constructed to meet the minimum 481 required by Target. New storm water facilities will also be constructed to connect to existing pipes. There is also a proposal to add a new rain garden for the property.

Additionally, traffic report was also submitted

to analyze any impact this building would have on vehicle flow and access. It was determined that any additional traffic is manageable and no additional driveways or turn lanes are needed.

No date is set to begin construction, yet.

"We will begin construction as soon as we have secured the tenants," Sturdivant said. "Right now we have letters of intent that we are negotiating. Once those are good and we have a formal lease agreement, then we will construct the building."

Sturdivant also said target has a "black out" on construction through the fall, so things will likely get underway next year.

As retail centers near capacity and new buildings and business enter Crystal, Sutter predicts a positive impact not only on the big shopping centers, but the smaller local

businesses.

"What will be interesting to watch is - as these larger centers start seeing more private investment, does that have a spin off effect on some of these smaller properties that are part of this area?" Sutter said. "They also can benefit from a strengthening commercial environment."

Pat Bedell, owner of the local Signs of MN, hopes that a healthy retail environment will draw more consumers into her area.

"It's going to bring more people in, cause more traffic, bring in more business for the local businesses," Bedell said. "Any exposure is good exposure. The extra exposure from those businesses, the extra people, will help build our businesses."

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# Freiberg and other West Metro legislators recognized by League of Minnesota Cities

The League of Minnesota Cities selected 31 state lawmakers, including Rep. Mike Freiberg (DFL-Golden Valley), as Legislators of Distinction for 2016. The honor recognizes legislators for specific actions that aided efforts of Minnesota cities during the past year's legislative session.

Legislators of Distinction are approved annually by the league's board of directors to recognize that in order to successfully serve shared constituents, state and city officials must work together to meet the unique needs of rural, suburban, and urban residents all across Minnesota.

League officials said Rep. Freiberg was recognized for co-authoring league-sponsored partition fence legislation that was signed into law. League staff said he consistently reaches out to the league and advocates city positions during the legislation process. In addition, Freiberg distributed the league's letter of opposition to the interim ordinance bill and opposed the bill when it was heard on the House floor.

"As a former city council member myself, I know how hard elected city officials and staff work to provide a good quality of life for members of their communities," Freiberg said. "When state and local officials collaborate,

citizens can have more confidence in their government and services can be delivered more efficiently while meeting the unique needs of local communities more effectively."

This is the fourth consecutive year Freiberg was given the award.

Recipients of the recognition received a letter of appreciation and a certificate. Additionally, a copy of the Legislator of Distinction acknowledgment letter was sent to the mayor of each city in the district of each award winner.

Other West Metro lawmakers honored by the league are listed below, along with the league's reasoning behind the recognition.

• Rep. Debra Hilstrom (DFL-Brooklyn Center) for "her work as an advocate for cities and law enforcement in committees and on the floor during work on the body camera bill. Furthermore, she was accessible to league staff while legislation was being debated and discussed."

• Rep. Cheryl Youakim (DFL-Hopkins), who "contacted the league many times throughout session to hear League positions and to understand more fully the implications of legislative proposals. She can always be counted on to advocate on behalf of cities at the Capitol."

• Sen. Chris Eaton

(DFL-Brooklyn Center), who was recognized for "authoring league-supported legislation to establish a voluntary statewide registration system for massage therapists. She worked with the league to ensure local control was maintained in the bill language throughout the process. She was also accessible to league staff on different bills, including a League-opposed bill that would have restricted city use of interim ordinances."

• Sen. John Hoffman (DFL-Champlin) for "including the league in the work done during the interim and throughout the legislative session on the temporary family health care dwelling bill. He also provided assistance on league-supported legislation related to wastewater permits and accurate labeling requirements for disposable wipes both in committees and on the Senate floor, including offering amendments requested by the league."

• Sen. Melissa Wicklund (DFL-Bloomington) for "reaching out to the league on several issues this session including drop home legislation, massage therapist registration, and a bill to restrict city use of interim ordinances. She also reached out to cities in her district directly to more fully understand implications of various proposals."

• Sen. Ron Latz (DFL-St. Louis Park) for "authoring the body camera bill, which was one of the league's legislative priorities. He was accessible to league staff and asked for city positions as legislation was being debated and discussed."

To be eligible for the honor, legislators must achieve one or more of the following criteria: be generally and reasonably accessible to league representatives, seek input on issues of importance to cities, listen to League concerns and be receptive to league-provided information on issues, sponsor and/or support League initiatives, speak out on behalf of the interest of cities, and/or work to demonstrate the importance of partnership between the state and cities.

The League of Minnesota Cities is a membership organization dedicated to helping cities throughout Minnesota build quality communities through effective advocacy, expert analysis, trusted guidance, and collective action. The League serves its more than 830 member cities through advocacy, education and training, policy development, risk management, and other services.

Info: lmc.org.

Compiled by Community Editor Joe Bowen



Education

## 'Inappropriate physical contact' at Crystal school triggers investigations

Published June 30, 2016 at 8:55 am

By Joe Bowen

### **School district declines to say whether students have been or will be disciplined**

About 15 FAIR Crystal seventh graders could face discipline after school administrators learned of a months-long game the students played that involved "inappropriate physical contact."

School district officials learned about the game during the last week of classes, and investigations were conducted by the district and the Crystal Police Department.

Sun Post interviews with district and police department staff indicate that the "game" involved students touching each other's clothed bodies in the school's hallways.

"Our seventh-grade students met [one meeting for male students and one for female students] with Officer Wright, our School Resource Officer, and Assistant Principal Reiter to discuss appropriate and inappropriate touch, and the disciplinary consequences [both legally and at school], for inappropriate touch," wrote Principal Christina Hester in a letter to parents. "This summer, FAIR School Crystal will be partnering with local agencies to provide resources and ideas about how to handle inappropriate behavior in middle school students."

Crystal Lieutenant Derrick Hacker said the students' behavior does not necessarily constitute a crime because all of the contact was over their clothes and there is no apparent victim. He added that none of the students will say, exactly, who did what.

School district staff declined to say whether the students involved in the game had been disciplined, citing privacy laws that work to prevent students from being personally identified. Minnesota Newspaper Association Attorney Mark Anfinson said that information should be public data because it couldn't reasonably be used to identify any involved student.

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Community & People

## Xcel Energy: Power outages could last days

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By Gretchen Schlosser

An estimated 77,000 Xcel Energy customers remained without electricity this morning after Tuesday evening's thunderstorms.

According to Xcel, more than 250,000 customers were impacted by the severe storms and power has been restored to about 173,000 customers.

Those without electricity could wait days for their power to be restored, as there has been extensive damage to the power grid, according to the update on Xcel's website. Additional crews, mutual aid crews and contractors are assisting in the repair and restoration process.

Of the 77,000 customers currently without power, about 66,000 are in the Twin Cities metro area (36,000 in the west metro and 30,000 in the east metro), 5,000 are in southeast Minnesota, including Mankato, Red Wing and Faribault. About 4,000 are in the Monticello and St. Michael area. There are about 2,000 Wisconsin customers also without service.

With many reports of downed power lines and flash flooding, citizens are urged to use caution when traveling and stay away from all downed lines. Contact Xcel at 1-800-895-1999 to report downed lines or natural gas leaks. Call 911 to report any emergency.



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